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**Tennessee River Missionary
Baptist Association**

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MINUTES
— OF THE —
TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION
— OF —
MISSIONARY BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
— AT —
Bethel Church, Jackson County, Ala.

October 21, 22, 23 and 24, 1892.

OFFICERS.

W. L. CRAWFORD, Moderator,	Maynard's Cove, Ala.
L. C. COULSON, Clerk,	Scottsboro, Ala.
MILTON ROACH, Treasurer,	Fackler, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

P. BROWN, E. J. D. KENNEDY, J. P. BRYANT, ISAAC MATHEWS, E. J. CARLILE,
J. B. HONEA, JOHN SANDERS, MIKE HILL, JOHN PETIT, SAM'L BUTLER,
J. B. CAMPBELL W. T. ROBERTS, W. A. PIGG, W. B. CAMPBELL, A. A. GAY,
W. L. STEPHENS, J. J. CUNNINGHAM, W. J. WIGINTON, J. J. BEESON,
J. W. ISBELL, G. W. BAIN, B. E. JONES, ELI VINCENT, VIRGIL BOULDIN,
JOHN SMITH, J. T. EZELL, P. G. MANNING, W. A. SANDERS, J. H. COFFEY.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FRIDAY, September 29, 1893.

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Call to Order.
3. Read Letters and note name of Delegates.
4. Election of Officers; Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
5. Petitionary Letters.
6. Invite Correspondents and Visitors to Seats.
7. Appointment of Special Committees.
 - I Religious Services.
 - II Obituaries.
 - III Periodicals.
 - IV Finance.
 - V Appointment of new Board.
 - VI Appointment of Standing Committees.

SATURDAY, September 30, 1893.

8. Select place of next meeting.
9. Select Brother to preach Annual Sermon and Alternate.
10. Call for Reports of Standing Committees in order.
 - I Synopsis of Associational Letters—L. C. Coulson.
 - II Associational Missions—P. Brown, G. T. Womack and G. P. Bouldin.
 - III State Missions—J. J. Beeson, John G. Sanders and W. W. Roach.
 - IV Home Missions—Virgil Bouldin, J. A. Dicus and W. T. Roberts.
 - V Foreign Missions—C. B. Roach, John Bouldin and J. L. Campbell.
 - VI Ministerial Education—C. T. Starkey, G. P. Bouldin and M. V. Davis.
 - VII Ministerial Relief—C. Howell, A. B. Womack and J. F. McCarrall.
 - VIII Temperance—L. C. Coulson, W. T. Roberts and John Sanders.

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- IX Sunday School Work—W. T. Roberts, G. A. Beard and J. C. Stoner.
- X Womans' Work—Thula Roach, Eliu Watt and P. C. Coulson.
- XI Denominational Education—J. M. Bledsoe, W. R. Ivey and Virgil Bouldin.

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- XII Queries—John G. Sanders, L. J. Langston, P. Brown and A. B. Womack.
 - XIII Bible and Colportage Work—W. L. Crawford, P. Brown and A. B. Womack.
 - XIV Mission Work in the Association—C. B. Roach, C. T. Starkey and J. W. Isbell.
 - XV Report of Executive Board; P. Brown, Chairman.
- Reports of Special Committees:
- I Religious Services.
 - II Obituaries.
 - III Periodicals.
 - IV Finance.
 - V Miscellaneous.
 - VI Resolutions.
 - VII Adjournment.

It is most earnestly desired that this Order of Business be strictly followed, and that chairmen of the various committees send in their reports at least ten days before the meeting of the Association.

L. C. COULSON, Clerk

INTRODUCTORY.



The introductory service of the Association was introduced by singing No. 232 Baptist Psalmist.

- 1.—“I love Thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.”
- 2.—“I love Thy Church, O! God;
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.”

John J. Beeson then read the 10th chapter of Romans.

1—Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.

2—For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge,” etc.

The congregation then sang No. 602, Baptist Hymnal.

- “Daughter of Zion, from the dust,
Exalt thy fallen head;
Again in thy Redeemer trust;
He calls the from the dead”

Prayer offered by John J. Beeson.

Song by the congregation. No. 226, Baptist Psalmist.

- “Tis Religion that can give
Sweetest pleasure while we live;
Tis religion must supply
Solid comfort when we die.”
- “After death its joys will be
Lasting us eternity;
Be the living God, my friend,
Then my bliss shall never end.”

John J. Beeson, who had been selected at the last Association for the purpose, proceeded to preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock a. m., and selected for his text: Matthew xxviii, 19. “Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He said in substance, “That the introductory sermon ought to outline the work of the Association. That the prime object of the churches and of the associations and conventions was to send out the gospel; that men and women may be converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ; that when men and women were converted, they were under obligation to work. There should be no lazy Christians, but each, in order to carry out the great commission, our marching orders—are go forward; give the gospel to all peoples, kindreds and tongues, in every land, and on every sea under the

canopy of Heaven. The command is GO, disciple the people in all nations. This GO teach, means move out on the line of christian work, and this command to go is supported by the largest and strongest scriptural injunctions. Mark xviii, 18: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," etc. Luke xxiv, 47: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and many other scriptures were referred to in support of the doctrine GO, etc.; that the Child of God was bought with a precious price, the precious blood shed, a voluntary purchase, and one that did not have to be repurchased. A man might come and take the place of another under the law, and do so from a selfish motive, but Christ did so of free will, for no law had been violated by him. We claim to be orthodox, but are we making this claim manifest? is the question for us to answer. Is this commission binding on us now, if so, then we must proceed to carry out our orders, go forward, for this sin we are here in the midst of these cloud-capped, rock-ribbed mountain fastnesses. The fearful responsibility is upon us, and I urge, that like good soldiers, we do our duty. Are we doing our whole duty in the great work assigned us? You can alone answer. I urge especially more earnest work by my brother ministers. Go preach more; be more faithful in your work." I know we do not have as many people in church as ought to be there on Sundays, but the way to get others there is to be more earnest in our work for Christ's sake. Our hearts are not in this work as they should be, for the reason that we have not put as much money into our work as we should. We are cold because of unfaithfulness to do our whole duty. We need to be more in touching sympathy with our Boards by giving of our means. Our missionaries in Africa, Japan, China, Italy, Mexico and elsewhere are appealing to us for help in the way of consecrated men and women, and means. I therefore appeal to you to come up and help in this great work that you may wear a crown. May the God of Missions help you to see your duty, and having seen, to perform it with all your might.

Crawford Howell closed with a few pertinent and forcible suggestions, when a recess of ten minutes was taken, and during which time many warm greetings were enjoyed.

At 1 o'clock p.m., Friday, October 21, 1892, the Association was called to order by P. Brown, Moderator, when the following song was sung by the Association, No. 232, Baptist Psalmist:

"I love thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved,
With his own precious blood."

After which the Association was led in prayer by W. L. Crawford.

The Moderator called for the letters sent by the various churches, and appointed C. B. Roach and J. J. Beeson to read the letters, and directed the clerk to note names and number of messengers present, when the following churches responded:

1. *Antioch* 2—J. F. McCarroll and, P. W. Clendenan.
2. *Beech Grove* 1—E. J. D. Kennedy.
3. *Bethel* 4—John Bryant, G. W. Whatley, James W. Mathews and Geo. T. Womack.
4. *Centennial* 2—W. M. Chandler, W. T. Knight.
5. *Cave Springs* 2—Albert Austin, Augustus Sentell.
6. *Charity* 2—W. M. Cagle, A. J. Perry.
7. *Cumberland Mountain* 2—John Sanders, M. V. Davis.
8. *Center Point* 4—J. A. Dicus, J. R. McLendon, W. O. Thorp and Mike Hill.
9. *Freedom* 4—Samuel Butler, John Bouldin, G. P. Bouldin and E. A. McCullough.
10. *Friendship* 6—Judson Barber, Milton Roach, A. B. Womack, W. W. Roach, J. H. Roach and J. B. Campbell.
11. *Gurley* 2—J. B. Burk, J. N. Roberts.
12. *Harmony* 2—John G. Sanders, J. E. Campbell.
13. *Hale's Cove* 2—J. J. Perry, J. Hickman.
14. *Harris' Chapel* 1—L. J. Langston.
15. *Jones' Core* 3—W. B. Wheeler, J. C. Stoner, James A. Gay.
16. *Larkinville* 1—W. L. Stephens.
17. *Mountain Grove* 1—E. B. Jones.
18. *Mt. Nebo* 3—James A. Beeson, J. J. Cunningham and W. H. Williamson.
19. *Mt. Zion* 3—W. J. Wigington, Silas Morris and C. W. Morris.
20. *Mt. Pisgah* 2—B. F. Echols, Geo. Ambrester.
21. *Mt. Ararat*—Not represented.
22. *Mt. Tabor*—Letter asking dismission.
23. *McCoy's Grove* 2—S. F. Martin, W. H. Allen.
24. *New Hope* 4—Eli Vincent, C. J. Knight, J. F. Terry and G. M. Rorex.
25. *Scottsboro* 3—Virgil Bouldin, Rily Garland and W. A. Coffey.
26. *Trenton* 2—L. E. Smith, J. A. Flanagan.
27. *Union*—Letter, but no delegate.
28. *Ebenezer, Ga.*—Not represented.
29. *Tunnel Hill, Ga.*—Not represented.

Delegates sent by churches, 60. Ministerial delegates, by virtue of their ordination, P. Brown, J. J. Beeson, L. C. Coulson, W. L. Crawford, D. S. Collins, Crawford Howell, Ralph Howell, R. M. Higginbotham, C. B. Roach and C. T. Starky, 10. Total Delegates, 70.

Election of officers for the ensuing year—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator feelingly referred to his long service as Moderator and Clerk at various times, and kindly asked the delegates not to consider his name for moderator. He mentioned the kindly relationship he had experienced as presiding officer, and that these

would be kept by him as treasury trove in his declining and fast fading years.

The Moderator requested J. E. Herring and S. M. Gupton to act as tellers to receive the ballots, canvass the vote and declare the result. The tellers declared that W. L. Crawford had been elected Moderator, and L. C. Coulson re-elected clerk for the tenth time, and thanked the Association for confidence reposed in him, and asked the assistance of the delegates to help him get out the best minute possible.

On motion of A. B. Womack, supported by R. Howell, Milton Roach was re-elected Treasurer.

5. Petitionary letters called for, when W. A. Sanders came forward and presented a letter from "Shipp, of Zion Church," asking to become a member of the Association, and that her delegates, W. A. Sanders and John Tipton, be recognized if found worthy, pledging to abide by the faith of the Association. On motion of P. Brown, supported by J. H. Roach, said delegates received and invited to seats, and then came forward James Coffey and presented the letter of "Holly Springs" Church, asking for membership in this Association by letter and delegate. On motion of P. Brown, supported by J. H. Roach, church received and delegate seated, thereupon the Moderator, *ex mero motu* extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from said churches, bidding them welcome to our midst.

6. The Moderator invited correspondents and visitors to seats with the delegates, when H. H. Bridges and A. J. Loyd, correspondents from Mt. Carmel Association, Ala.; J. E. Herring, of the Bible and Colportage Board, Opelika, Ala.; S. M. Gupton and J. T. Womack, First Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, Tenn., were recognized and came forward.

On motion of Virgil Bouldin, supported by C. T. Starkey, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of allowing Virgil Bouldin to introduce the following preamble and resolution. Adopted:

Whereas, The growing interest in Bible and Colportage work has assumed such proportions as to demand more earnest and careful attention by our people, therefore,

Resolved, That there be added to the list of standing Committees of the Association a Committee on "Bible and Colportage Work;" that a committee of three now be appointed to report on such work at morning session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m., and that J. E. Herring be requested to address the Association on said report. On motion of W. H. Ivey, supported by P. Brown, adopted, and the Moderator appointed on said committee, Virgil Bouldin, C. B. Roach and J. J. Beeson, thereupon the Moderator resumed the regular order of business.

7. Appointment of special committees:

On Religious Services—Pastor of Bethel Church, J. J. Beeson and the Deacons of said Church.

On Obituaries—Milton Roach and S. R. Corn.

On Periodicals—W. R. Ivey and P. Brown.

On Finance—Milton Roach and W. J. Wigington.

J. J. Beeson, Chairman of Committee on Religious Services, submitted the following report:

J. E. Herring will preach Friday night at Bethel Church and S. M. Gupton Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., for the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BEESON, Chairman.

On motion of P. Brown, supported by John Bouldin, the Association adjourned at 4:15 o'clock p. m. to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow morning. Benediction by S. M. Gupton, of South Pittsburg, Tennessee.

SATURDAY, October 22, 1892.

The Association met at 9 o'clock a. m. accordidg to adjournment, and sung No. 231, Southern Psalmist.

L—“Children of the Heavenly King,
As ye journey, sweetly sing;
Sing your Savior's worthy praise,
Glorious in His works and ways.”

After which the Association was led in prayer by J. J. Beeson. The business resumed, the Moderator appointed the following new Executive Board, being one from each church in the Association: Antioch, P. Brown; Beech Grove, E. J. D. Kennedy; Bethel, J. P. Bryant; Cave Spring, Isaac Mathews; Centennial, E. J. Carlile, Charity, J. B. Honea; Cumberland Mountain, John Sanders; Center Point, Mike Hill; Ebenezer, John Petit; Freedom, Sam Butler; Friendship, M. Roach; Gurley, W. T. Roberts; Hale's Cove, W. A. Pigg; Harmony, W. B. Campbell; Jones' Cove, A. A. Gay; Larkinville, W. L. Stephens; Mt. Nebo, J. J. Cunningham; Mt. Zion, W. J. Wigington; Mt. Pisgah, J. J. Beeson; McCoy's Grove, G. W. Bain; Mountain Grove, B. E. Jones; New Hope, Eli Vincent; Scottsboro, Virgil Bouldin; Trenton, John Smith; Union, George Ezell; Holly Springs, James Coffey; Mt. Ararat, J. W. Isbell, and Shipp of Zion, W. A. Sanders.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1892-93.

1. Associational Letters—L. C. Coulson.
2. Associational Missions—P. Brown, G. T. Womack and G. P. Bouldin.
3. State Missions—J. J. Beeson, John G. Sanders and W. W. Roach.
4. Home Missions—Virgil Bouldin, J. A. Dicus and W. T. Roberts,

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8. The Association proceeded to select the place of next meeting by ballot, and H. H. Bridges and A. J. Loyd were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballot. Gurley and Freedom Churches were placed in nomination, and short speeches made by the friends of the two places. When the vote was taken and counted, Gurley was selected as the next place of meeting.

9. The next order of business was the selection of a preacher to preach the introductory sermon next year. H. H. Bridges and A. J. Loyd were appointed as tellers, who proceeded to collect and count the ballot. Said ballot resulted in the election of W. L. Crawford to preach the introductory sermon, and Crawford Howell, alternate.

10. The Moderator proceeded to call for the reports from the Standing Committees in their order.

First. Report on Associationol Letters. Report read by Chairman, and on motion of P. Brown, supported by J. J. Beeson, adopted. Appendix A.

The hour of 10 o'clock a. m. having arrived, the special order for that hour being the report on "Bible and Colportage Work." Report called for and read by Virgil Bouldin, Chairman, and motion to adopt the report made by P. Brown, supported by D. S. Collins. It was discussed by J. B. Herring, who gave to the Association much valuable information regarding the work done under the direction of this Board of the Alabama State Convention, and of the good results that were being realized therefrom. That much and lasting good would be the outcome of this work. (Come again, Bro. Herring.) Report adopted. Appendix B.

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S. M. Gupton, who had been appointed to preach at this hour, read, as an introductory, the 3d chapter of 2d Peter. After reading, led the congregation in prayer. The congregation joined in singing No. 228 Southern Psalmist,

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said?
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Scripture text, 2d Peter, iii, 1, 2:

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Beeson, supported by R. Howell, her request was therefore granted.

Report on Associational Missions read by J. J. Beeson, and on motion of Mike Hill, supported by Virgil Bouldin, to adopt the report, it was discussed by L. C. Coulson, J. J. Beeson, C. Howell and P. Borwn. Adopted. Appendix C.

Report on State Missions read by Virgil Bouldin, and on motion of Samuel Butler, supported by W. A. Sanders, to adopt, was discussed by W. R. Ivey, S. M. Gupton, J. E. Herring, V. Bouldin and J. J. Beeson, when the report and resolutions were adopted. Appendix D.

Report on Home Missions read, and on motion of A. B. Womack, supported by B. E. Jones, to adopt, discussed by J. H. Roach, V. Bouldin and J. J. Beeson, and adopted. Appendix E.

Report on Foreign Missions read by W. R. Ivey, and on motion of Samuel Butler, supported by W. A. Sanders, to adopt, was discussed by W. R. Ivey, S. M. Gupton, J. E. Herring and Virgil Bouldin. Adopted. Appendix F.

On motion of C. Howell, the regular order is suspended in order to go into an election for a preacher to conduct service at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday. The ballot resulted in the election of W. R. Ivey, to preach at 11 a. m., and C. Howell at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Sunday night.

On motion of W. R. Ivey, Supported by R. Howell, at 3:30 o'clock p. m. the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Sunday morning.

The Chairman of Religious Exercises announced preaching for Saturday night as follows: Harmony, R. Howell; Johnstown, L. J. Langston at C. J. Knight, Mike Hill, and H. H. Bridges at Bethel. Benediction by P. Brown.

SUNDAY, October 23, 1892.

Association met at 9 o'clock a. m. according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Crawford Howell, when the work of the Association was resumed.

Report on Ministerial Education read by C. T. Starkey. On motion of Milton Roach, supported by V. Bouldin, discussed by C. T. Starkey, J. J. Beeson, D. S. Collins and L. C. Coulson. Adopted. Appendix G.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by R. Howell, and on motion of A. B. Womack, supported by J. J. Beeson, adopted. Appendix H.

The hour of 11 o'clock a. m. having arrived, on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by A. B. Womack, a recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m. for preaching.

Service was introduced by singing No. 222, Gospel Hymns No. 5.

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly;
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, Oh, my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into thy haven guide,
Oh, receive my soul at last."

W. R. Ivey then read 2d Thessalonians, iii chapter, and led the congregation in prayer, when the congregation joined in singing one verse of No. 177, Gospel Hymns No. 5.

"Savior, more than life to me,
I am clinging, clinging close to thee;
Let thy precious blood applied,
Keep me ever, ever near thy side."

REFRAIN.—"Every day, every hour,
Let me feel thy cleansing power;
May thy tender love to me,
Bind me closer, closer Lord, to thee."

Theme—"Do not Weary in Doing Well." Scripture text, 2d Thessalonians, iii, 13: "But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing." Here is a brief synopsis of the discussion of the text:

"When Paul wrote this epistle, he was informed that there existed disturbances in the church at Thessalonica, because of busy bodies going about intermeddling with the business of others. It was then, as now, persons in every church who made themselves the keepers of other people's business; those not working themselves hindered others; hence, Paul's rebuke to those idlers. We must work, go forward, not being satisfied with what we have done. There is no time for rest in this life; eternity is given for rest; in this life we must toil, that the rest that remains may be the sweeter.

Earnest men and women can do a great work as they go from place to place, if in no other way, by scattering religious literature as they go. God never made a christian to dream his or her life away in novel reading, but made them such to work. It is also deplorable how timid some church people are about church work, when in politics or business they can be heard louder than any one else. Many have their names on church books who are devoid of principle. These should not be there, as they are hindering causes. Saved first and work follows. We must care for those who are cripples, cripples in mind as well as body; helpless and sick, we must help them by our prayers and by our means. The heathens are blind, and do not know the right. They are engaged in the work of the devil, and we must reach them by our missionaries, so we must not get weary in well doing. Christians must be careful to do their whole duty. One alone can't do much, but by going forward he may induce others to follow, just as the little allegory of the cloud and parched earth. At some time during the ages the earth was suffering from a severe and protracted drought. Every thing was parched and crisp, so that all the earth was crying for moisture and rain. A little waif of a cloud was floating leisurely along, drifting aimlessly, when suddenly it heard the earth's groanings, but selfishly said I will need all the moisture I have, and then I am such a tiny bit of cloud, that if spread out over only a small space, I could not water the earth. The earnest appeals of the earth grew more and more intense, until at last the little heart of the cloud was touched, and its emotions aroused, so that suddenly one little pearly drop slipped away and went with lightning speed to earth; then another

and another, until soon all the clouds began to touch each other in sympathy for what seemed the forlorn mission of the pearly drop that had ventured out on its mission of love, and other drops began to fall in the same direction, until the whole heavens were dark with clouds, and the rains came down in torrents, and the earth's mourning was turned into rejoicing. So when Cary sat at his Cobbler's bench, and pegged away, listening to the parched Heathen cry, his great, trembling, christian heart, moved upon by a power that he did not understand, went as the first drop into a pilgrim mission field. Others caught the inspiration, and now thousands in China, Italy, Japan, Mexico, and other fields, are rejoicing in the light of a Saviour's love. May God, by His holy spirit, help us to do more in the years to come along these lines than we have ever done in the years that are past."

At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken up and the sum of \$28.13 realized.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order by P. Brown, Moderator *pro tem*, and the regular order of business proceeded with.

Report on Sunday school work called for, and read by J. J. Beeson, on motion of W. R. Ivey to adopt, supported by Virgil Bouldin, discussed by J. J. Beeson, V. Bouldin, L. C. Coulson and J. H. Roach, and adopted. Appendix I.

Report on Denominational Education (on suspension of the regular order,) read by Virgil Bouldin, and on motion to adopt by J. J. Beeson, supported by W. R. Ivey, it was discussed by V. Bouldin, and then on motion of V. Bouldin, supported by W. R. Ivey, the report was made the special order for 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow morning. Adopted, and made special order for that hour.

On motion of P. Brown, supported by B. E. Jones, D. S. Collins was granted leave of absence on account of his child getting its arm broken.

3:30 o'clock p. m.—On motion of P. Brown, supported by Rodman Deavers, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow morning.

MONDAY MORNING, October 24, 1892.

The Association met at 9 oclock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Report on Temperance called for, and read by G. P. Bouldin, and on motion of J. H. Roach, supported by W. R. Ivey, to adopt, discussed by G. P. Bouldin, C. T. Starkey, A. P. Womack, S. Butler, W. R. Ivey, P. Brown, R. M. Higingbotham and L. J. Langston. Adopted. Appendix J.

The hour of 10 o'clock a. m. being the hour for the further discussion of the Report on Christian Education, it was further discussed by J. J. Beeson, Samuel Butler and W. R. Ivey, and adopted. Appendix K.

Report on Woman's Work read by the clerk, and on motion of W. T. Roberts, supported by W. R. Ivey, adopted. Appendix L.

Report on Mission Work read by L. C. Coulson, and on motion

of J. J. Beeson, supported by Milton Roach, adopted. Appendix M.
No Queries having been sent up, the Committee had nothing to report.

Report on Obituaries read by M. Roach, and on motion of W. R. Ivey, supported by W. J. Wigington, adopted. Appendix N.

Report on Periodicals read by W. R. Ivey, and on motion of Samuel Butler, supported by C. T. Starkey, discussed by W. R. Ivey, C. B. Roach, L. C. Coulson and J. J. Beeson, adopted. Appendix O.

(This report was adopted over the protest of L. C. Coulson, because it discriminates between the Sunday School literature of the American Baptist Publishing Society and Kind Words, while the Bible and Colportage Board are using both.)

Report of the Committee on Finance read by M. Roach, and on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by J. A. Dicus, adopted. Appendix P.

Report of the Treasurer read by M. Roach, and on motion of P. Brown, supported by C. T. Starkey, adopted. Appendix Q.

On motion of L. C. Coulson, supported by D. S. Collins, J. H. Roach was appointed by the Moderator to make a special report on the death of ministers, and now comes the said J. H. Roach and submits his report thereon, which was read by him, and on motion of P. Brown, supported by R. Deavers, adopted. Appendix R.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion of P. Brown, supported by W. R. Ivey, it is ordered that the Association meet on Friday, after the fourth Sunday in September, instead of on Friday, before the fourth Sunday in October.

On motion of W. R. Ivey, supported by J. J. Beeson, P. Brown and L. C. Coulson were elected as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday, before the second Sunday in May, 1893.

On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by C. Howell, W. R. Ivey, C. B. Roach and W. A. Coffey, alternate, were elected as delegates to the Alabama Baptist Convention, which meets in Anniston, November 22, 1892.

On motion of P. Brown, supported by J. H. Roach, that any member of our body, who is a member of any one of the churches, visiting any sister Association, is authorized to act as fraternal messenger from this body.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of L. C. Coulson, supported by W. R. Ivey, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That for the good of the cause and our educational interests, the Baptists of the Tennessee River Association request that the Alabama

Baptist convention meet with Scottsboro Baptist Church in 1893, and we pledge that body a warm reception and generous entertainment.

On motion of W. R. Ivey, supported by J. J. Beeson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be, and he is hereby authorized, to pay to the clerk ten dollars for superintending the publication of the minutes, out of the amount collected on Sunday.

The following resolution was offered by John H. Roach, and on his motion, supported by P. Brown:

Resolved, That we indorse and give aid and support to our colored brethren in their efforts to build up a school, by which they may better their condition.

Note by the clerk: I regret very much that the ministers who preached during the Association, failed to hand in their texts and place where they preached, so that I could have made a note of the fact in the minutes. I got only four, when I should have had eight or ten. C. Howell preached Sunday night at Bethel, from this scripture. Isaiah, lxiii, 10: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed; neither shall there be after me."

The following resolution was offered by W. R. Ivey and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the good people of this church and community, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us while here.

2. Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered our Moderator and clerk for the efficient work done during the sitting of this body.

The clerk requests that the chairman of each committee will prepare their reports and send him a copy thereof at least one month before the meeting of the Association, also please send a list of the names of the delegates appointed, together with a copy of the church letter. This will greatly facilitate the work of the Association, and aid the clerk in his work.

On motion of L. C. Coulson, supported by W. R. Ivy, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn, to meet with Gurley Church, Madison County, Alabama, on Friday, after the fourth Sunday in September, 1893.

The place of meeting is on the line of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, and we hope to see a large delegation there.

The old accustomed hymn,

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he has said?
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled."

was sung and the parting hand given, after which the Association was led in prayer by C. B. Roach. Benediction by P. Brown by request of the Moderator, and the Association stood adjourned *sine die*.

W. L. CRAWFORD, Moderator.

L. C. COULSON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Crawford, W. L., Maynard's Cove, Ala.	Isbell, Miller, Limrock, Ala.
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Brown, Preston, Hollywood, Ala.	Jones, J. L., Paint Rock, Ala.
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Bain, George W., Fabius, Ala.	Langston, L. J., Long Island, Ala.
Chandler, J. E., Stevenson, Ala.	McLoud, James, Pisgah, Ala.
Collins, D. S., Narrows, Ala.	Manning, P. G., Whiteside's, Tenn.
Howell, Crawford, Francisco, Ala.	Morris, G. W., Kirby Creek, Ala.
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Ivey, W. R., Scottsboro, Ala.	Starkey, C. T., Pisgah, Ala.
Isbell, J. W., Limrock, Ala.	Woodall, L. W., Gurley, Ala.

Here we have twenty-six ordained ministers in this Association, and yet only ten of them in attendance on the Association, leaving sixteen who come, a few of them occasionally. It is earnestly desired that each one of you attend the next Association. We want to see you all there, and if any one or more of them will write me in time before the Association and say that he can't go for want of means, I will send such one a pass over the railroad, so that you will have no excuse for not being there.

L. C. COULSON, Clerk.

APPENDIXES.

A

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the letters for a synoptical report, from the different churches, submits the following:

ANTIOCH.—This church has done reasonably during the year. They have made some progress in the erection of a house of worship, and even had regular preaching. They report no contributions for missions or other general church work. C. B. Roach has been their supply for the past year, 1892.

BEECH GROVE.—This church is in a cold state, although the pastor and a few of the brethren tried hard to get up an interest in the church. They have lost nine members. C. Howell is pastor.

BETHEL.—This church greeted the Association warmly, but has done nothing of note during the year. They have lost six members, lettered off to Antioch. J. J. Beeson is pastor.

CENTENNIAL.—This church seems to have been doing very well, but the discrepancy in her membership now and a year ago, is remarkable. R. Howell has served this church faithfully the past year.

CAVE SPRINGS.—This church seems to have gotten their membership mixed. They now have forty-five members, when last year they had thirty-eight. The members of the church can figure out the discrepancy. This church can't complain, as they have done reasonably well. Pastor R. Howell has served the church faithfully.

CHARITY.—This church has not held its own, but is trying to get on a higher road of life. Their pastor should have attended the Association, because he is a stranger. Like others, contribute nothing.

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN.—This church has not been doing much. They appear to be luke warm, not having had much preaching this year. They do not appear to be working very well, but ask the prayers of Christians. Henry Knight is their pastor or supply. No contributions are reported.

CENTER POINT.—This church appears, from its letter, to be losing ground. They should not allow this, but lead out, it being one of the oldest churches in the Association. It has done nothing for missions or for other work. C. B. Roach is the pastor.

FREEDOM.—This church has done well this year. She has gathered in forty-four members during the past year, and has been at work in a way that has secured rich blessings to our people, and

especially to the brethren of that church. W. R. Ivey, as pastor, has done his part well, hence the fund.

FRIENDSHIP.—This church has, under the leadership of J. J. Beeson as pastor, done a good work for the past year. It is a live body in some respects, and deserves to be patroned after by other churches. It is blessed because its membership is missionary, not only in name, but in fact.

GURLEY.—This church, located in a good community, is doing very well indeed. They have a good Sunday School with W. T. Roberts as superintendent, and corps of thirteen teachers and sixty-five students as average attendance. By reference to the financial table, you will see the secret of the great work they are doing. Special attention is called to the fact that eight out of the nine baptised are from the Sunday School. This tells its own story, and needs no comment.

HARMONY.—This is a good working church, and while it has lost in membership, it has increased in strength and purity. It has a good Sunday School, and is doing good work in this line. W. B. Campbell is the superintendent and W. L. Crawford, the Moderator of the Association, is the pastor.

HALE'S COVE.—This church has done very well during the year. They have made a gain of eleven members, and that, too, as it appears, without the aid of a prayer meeting or Sunday School. There are two ordained ministers in this church, and yet they have not for five years attended the Association. Please come to Gurley next year. Let us see every preacher in the Association at that meeting. Will you not be there?

HARRIS' CHAPEL.—This is a small church near Carpenter, on the south side of the river, but no letter reaching the Association, it is not known what the membership is. L. J. Langston is the pastor, and has done faithful work.

HOLLY SPRINGS.—This is a small church out on the mountain, not far from Limrock, and this is its first time to be in the Association. W. A. Pigg is the pastor, and is doing a great work out in the out-lying territory.

JONES' COVE.—This is a small church, in a cove south of the Tennessee river, and does not appear that they have been doing anything, not even sending anything for the cause of missions, hence the cold condition. C. T. Starkey is now pastor.

LARKINVILLE.—This is a small, struggling church, and has some good, faithful members, especially Mrs. Larkin, who has kept up a live Sunday School for a long time. God bless her in this work.

MOUNTAIN GROVE.—This church was not represented for some years by delegates or by letter, hence we are glad to have her with us again in the person of her delegates. Her letter shows this church has not been idle. D. S. Collins is the pastor.

Mt. NEBO.—This is a good, strong church, but from some cause has not gone forward. The pastor, W. L. Crawford, has done

good work, and if all the members had been as faithful as he, we feel that the report would have been more encouraging.

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B

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your Committee on Bible and Colportage Work, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that the State Convention has appointed a board of eleven men to operate this work in the State. This board is located at Opelika, Ala., and J. B. Collier is its Secretary. They have been working about three years, during which time they have worked about twelve colporters for all or part of their time. These men have generally been employed as missionaries for the Associations, and have been furnished with books by the Bible and Colportage Board. The policy of the board is to work principally in the country, and in those parts where the people have the least preaching. They have generally done from three to four thousand dollars worth of business a year. This board is also agent for Sunday School literature. They furnish the schools with literature at publishers' prices, and with whatever kind they want, either the convention series or those of the American Publication Society. The convention at Eufala last year asked the denomination to furnish this board with \$4,000 with which to more effectually operate their work. We are sorry to say that only about \$600 of this sum has been raised; so the board has been hampered and fettered for the want of funds, and thus kept from accomplishing the amount of good that would have been otherwise done.

We find further that the work proposed by the board is Home Missionary work of the highest order; that they are endeavoring to reach that class of people that needs help the most, and out of which the most can be made. In view of the foregoing facts, we recommend that the churches of this Association aid in support of the Bible and Colportage Board. First, by ordering all Sunday School literature, and song books, bibles, and every kind of book or paper from its Secretary, J. B. Collier, Opelika, Ala. Second by

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Respectfully submitted,

V. BOULDIN, Chairman.

C

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit:

That we believe it to be the imperative duty of each church of Jesus, to preach the gospel to every creature in her immediate bounds, and then if she have licensed or ordained ministers, through them to preach to the destitute places near by, and as far off as she possibly can, aiding her preachers with her sympathy, prayer and contributions of such things as they need. Thus, a great deal of the destitution can be supplied, but in our opinion, there will still remain destitution enough to require the time of at least one minister to fill, and we therefore advise, that this Association do now instruct her Executive Committee to, as soon as possible, look out and employ an able and faithful minister of the gospel, and put him in the field to supply such destitution, promising to co-operate with said committee in all necessary ways.

J. J. BEESON, Chairman.

D

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee finds a sad lack of proper interest in, and support of State Missions, much the same as seems to prevail in other branches of mission work. We have no date from which to show the exact amount collected during the last year. Much of what has been given was contributed for missions generally. It is our information that when so contributed and sent to the State Mission Board, It is equally divided between the State, Home and Foreign Missions. Owing to very great financial depression in different parts of the State, making it impossible to collect from them the

amounts usually given, the State Board is greatly in need of funds to prosecute the work. We think there is no branch of mission work that appeals to our churches more strongly than this. It is very truthfully said "that God is bringing the foreign nations to us, that they may be reached at home." We recommend that the pastors of the several churches adopt some systematic, regular method of obtaining contributions for missions, and would impress that the duty to press this cause on the people is the supreme duty of the hour; and we therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution herewith submitted as a part of this report:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that it is the duty of the pastors of the several churches in this Association, to take a collection for missions at least quarterly, by such methods as will reach the greatest number of the membership, and that it is further their duty to preach to their congregations on the subject.

2. Resolved, further. That it is the sense of this Association, that the church, which being duly instructed on the subject of missions, and having the ability, refuses to contribute, has not the spirit of Christ.

VIRGIL BOULDIN, Chairman.

E

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

The territory of our home work extends from Maryland on the East to Texas on the West, both States inclusive, and from Missouri to Florida, both inclusive, together with the island of Cuba. Indians of the Northwest, negroes of the South, foreigners who are settling in our loved Southland and the destitute parts of the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention. This is a magnificent field, prolific with all kinds of products, from the cotton fields, sugar and rice plantations of the South and West of this territory, from the corn and other cereals of the middle and center of this country, come the cotton, rice, sugar corn, wheat and oats to feed the people; and from the mines come the coal and iron that brings wealth and population. Here is the field of this board: Eternity can alone tell the results of the labors of this board. Thousands have been converted by its work, and thousands are to follow in their wake, and thank God for it. The march of civilization shows that the work of this board is being felt all along the line, and by it people are being lifted up and put upon a higher road of life. Mission work generally has grown rapidly for the past few years, but the Home Board work is now doing a wonderful work in Cuba, especially under the guidance of that most wonderful man, Alberto Dias. This should impress us to move out, go forward and do more for this board in the future than we have been doing in the past. We think it necessary to call the attention of the people to the fact that this field is much larger than many think, and its work greatly

making contributions of funds at least once a year, to help on the great work. Third, that as soon as possible we employ a missionary and colporter to travel in the bounds of our Association and preach and sell good books to our people, and that our prayers shall ascend to the throne continually; that our Father in Heaven will crown the effort of our board with great success in its work of love.

Respectfully submitted,

V. BOULDIN, Chairman.

C

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit:

That we believe it to be the imperative duty of each church of Jesus, to preach the gospel to every creature in her immediate bounds, and then if she have licensed or ordained ministers, through them to preach to the destitute places near by, and as far off as she possibly can, aiding her preachers with her sympathy, prayer and contributions of such things as they need. Thus, a great deal of the destitution can be supplied, but in our opinion, there will still remain destitution enough to require the time of at least one minister to fill, and we therefore advise, that this Association do now instruct her Executive Committee to, as soon as possible, look out and employ an able and faithful minister of the gospel, and put him in the field to supply such destitution, promising to co-operate with said committee in all necessary ways.

J. J. BEESON, Chairman.

D

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee finds a sad lack of proper interest in, and support of State Missions, much the same as seems to prevail in other branches of mission work. We have no date from which to show the exact amount collected during the last year. Much of what has been given was contributed for missions generally. It is our information that when so contributed and sent to the State Mission Board, It is equally divided between the State, Home and Foreign Missions. Owing to very great financial depression in different parts of the State, making it impossible to collect from them the

amounts usually given, the State Board is greatly in need of funds to prosecute the work. We think there is no branch of mission work that appeals to our churches more strongly than this. It is very truthfully said "that God is bringing the foreign nations to us, that they may be reached at home." We recommend that the pastors of the several churches adopt some systematic, regular method of obtaining contributions for missions, and would impress that the duty to press this cause on the people is the supreme duty of the hour; and we therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution herewith submitted as a part of this report:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that it is the duty of the pastors of the several churches in this Association, to take a collection for missions at least quarterly, by such methods as will reach the greatest number of the membership, and that it is further their duty to preach to their congregations on the subject.

2. Resolved, further, That it is the sense of this Association, that the church; which being duly instructed on the subject of missions, and having the ability, refuses to contribute, has not the spirit of Christ.

VIRGIL BOULDIN, Chairman.

E

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

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misunderstood. Let us see to it that our people are better informed upon the subject of this field and the work of the Home Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ROACH, Chairman.

F

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg to submit the following report:

The Foreign Mission Board, in their annual report before the Southern Baptist Convention, submitted very encouraging reports from the foreign fields. As a result of the last year's labors, they received by experience and baptism nearly five hundred, and raised on the field for mission work, over \$3,000, which was over \$1.00 per member for the entire membership of the churches. We should let those notions teach us along this line. There were many noble, consecrated men, women and organizations whom God had blessed with this world's goods, who, aside from their regular contributions, have contributed about \$12,000 to this work. The Women's Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention contributed \$25,040.27 to the Foreign Missionary work. The little sun beams contributed \$3,713.72. This amount alone came from the little girls and boys. The Little Sun Beam Society will undertake to support one of the one hundred new missionaries that are to be sent out this centennial year. Twenty-one new missionaries have been sent and twenty more ready to be sent, who will go real soon during the last conventional year. The receipts of the last conventional year amounted to \$114,325.00, which was the largest sum ever contributed before, during one year, in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. The work was enlarged more than their contributions. When teeming millions are dying without the gospel, and consecrated men and women have offered their services, to take to them the bread and the water of life, they cannot refuse to bid them go. Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, China and Africa all have faithful men looking to the East for light, and to-day, like the wise men of old, they see a star in the heavens which is a token to them of better things. The Southern Baptist Convention, stirred with new zeal, suggests that this year, which is the centennial of modern missionaries, we, as Baptists, put one hundred new missionaries in the field. Brethren, shall we do it? Let every man, woman and child, who loves the Lord, say, by the help and grace of God, we will. And to do this, every man, woman and child, who claim to be Missionary Baptists, should contribute something for the mission work. When all the people of God shall feel that the Lord means me, and undertakes the work

for him, the floods of darkness shall roll back as doth the thundering cloud, and the peaceful, gentle smile of a Savior's love, shall be seen in every land and home, and all shall come together and our God shall sway the scepter over all the earth.

W. R. IVEY, Chairman.

G

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We find, by reading God's word, that it is our duty to prepare for any work that the Master, in his wisdom, sees fit to assign us. I cannot see how a warrior can fight without being furnished with the implements of warfare. Therefore we are all soldiers for Christ, fighting his battles—his battles, not alone, but accompanied by our great captain—and we hear him whispering: "Study, to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." This we believe was spoken for the benefit of the laymen, as well as the ministry, and applies to all in a general sense, as well as to "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life." So we see that it is the Father's pleasure that we all should learn of Christ and of His word. We cannot take the yoke of the blessed Jesus upon us, and learn of Him as He has commanded us, without studying his blessed word, and this is the duty of all. But after a close investigation of the matter, we see that the herald of the word of life must be shod with a preparation of the gospel. It is true that the Creator has placed in our hands the grandest weapon of warfare conceivable to the eye of man, which is sharper than any two-edged sword, but at the same time He does not mean for us to let it rust in our hands, but demands that we should handle the golden sabre, that it may shine brighter and brighter until the perfect day. God has given His servants, whom He has called to this peculiar work, the mighty sword, which is his word, and also an intellect which serves as a strong arm with which to wield it. And he also tells him to thrust in his sickle and reap. The sickle is keen and mighty, and if the arm is not strong the harvester cannot reap much; and brethren, where we find in our premises any weak arms in which this weapon is placed, it is our duty to assist in strengthening them. We should contribute our means, and assist such a one in acquiring an education. Not that we want to educate them to make preachers, but to educate them because they are preachers. The Tennessee River Association needs an educated ministry, and this, by the assistance of the Spirit of the Master, would lead us on step by step to complete success. Brethren, I candidly believe that in uneducated minds, that are striving to prepare themselves for the work, and we will not help them, is where we see Jesus sick and in prison, and do not go into and administer

unto him. False doctrines are making their inroads upon us and we need more men who can defend us and ours. Brethren, let us do our duty in this regard and God will give us an educated ministry.

C. T. STARKEY, Chairman.

H

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your Committee on Ministerial Relief make this report:

We are taught that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth; that men and women are brought to a knowledge of their condition through the instrumentality of the gospel preached to them, attended by the Holy Ghost; and we are further taught that those who preach the gospel shall live off the gospel. Hence your Committee would report that it is the imperative duty of the churches to look after the interest of those they send out as evangelists or missionaries. We are under obligations to look after the interests of their families and to see that their children are properly fed, clothed and educated. In the opinion of your Committee, their interests have been too much neglected in the past; therefore we earnestly appeal to the churches of our Association to be zealous in their duties in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

R. HOWELL, Chairman.

I

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Your Committee on Sunday School Work submit the following report:

After all that has been said on this important subject, we find that many of the churches of this Association are without regularly organized Sunday Schools. How to remedy this evil, is a question not easily answered. There are many difficulties in the way. Our churches, or most of them, are in the country, with a membership scattered from the church house to a distance of five or six miles. Some of them are very weak bodies; few members, and many, though faithful christians, are poor, and have no conveyances for their families, with bad roads in the winter; and in addition to all this, there is a want of that deep interest that the importance of the subject demands. The best remedy that we can recommend is for the pastor and deacons of each church to urge the importance and duty of the entire membership to study the word of God for

themselves that they may grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that it is their duty to teach their children in their early days the holy Scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and as this can be done easier by their organizing themselves into a Sunday School and meeting every Lord's day and studying together and helping each other. Let them select from their members the most faithful to take the lead and to be superintendent, who will get just as many as can be had to agree to meet every Monday with the fixed determination, by God's help, to know no such word as fail. If every church can be induced to adopt some such plan as suggested, we believe that it will not be long before there will be a good school in all our churches; and they will reap a reward for such labor, the blessings of our Father in Heaven. We recommend to the favorable condition of the schools now in operation, and all new ones which may be organized, the literature of our Sunday School Board located at Chasville Temple.

J. J. BEESON, Chairman.

J

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

We are glad to have evidence of the advancement of the temperance cause, especially within the last few years within the bounds of the Tennessee River Association. And while we have found that the greater portion of this work is due to the efforts of Christian people, at the same time we find that many who are not Christians, have been instrumental in instilling into the minds of our people the necessity of temperance. While we find that temperance is approved by many who are not Christians, yet we find some who claim to be Christians, opposing temperance reform. We pray that God, by His Spirit, may convince them of their error, and that they may finally become strong workers in the suppression of this great evil.

While believing that strong drink is the greatest evil that exists in our country today, we would say that total abstinence from it is the only course that should be taken by those who are believers in Christianity. We therefore earnestly appeal to the churches of this Association to give their co-operation in the effort to destroy this great curse that poisons society and destroys much of the man and womanhood of our country. We find that this course is advocated by people in different parts of the country. We pray God that some of us, at least, will live to see the day when each and every one within the bounds of this Association may be of one

mind in aiding to put down this great evil, which is now, and has been for the years past, dragging down our people, State and nation. May God hasten the time when liquor kings will not be permitted to sit back in their magnificent palaces and direct the ballot that debauches and curses the nation.

Respectfully submitted,
P. G. BOULDIN, Chairman.

X

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Christian Education, beg leave to report as follows:

It is often devoutly said that the only purpose of our divine Master in establishing His church in the world, was to unite his people in armies of action and spirit to the end, that the gospel might be given to the world through all time, that thereby the world might believe and be saved.

While this, in general times, probably covers the entire scope of the work of the church, yet it includes many branches of the work which cannot be neglected without falling far short of duty and threatening the life of the churches.

Among these, is the duty of the churches to guard with zealous care the moral and spiritual interests of the church members in particular. But the work of the churches does not end here. We cannot, without falling short of the true conception of God's purpose in us, overlook the fact that the churches are in the world, and that the mission of the churches is to elevate and bless it. "Ye are the salt of the earth," "the light of the world," are loving distinctions of the Savior, which at the same time carry a weight of responsibility appreciated by those so honored of God. The light that emanates from the churches should illuminate the paths of all men, making distinct and plain the pathway of duty through all the bewildering deserts of life. It should make clear the way of right in all the complicated relations into which we are thrown in this world. It should lead us and all men to the fountain ever flowing for the thirsty one, and to the feast that is spread for the hungry, and of which, when a man eats and drinks, he is made strong for his work. In this broad view of the scope of the church work is that of preparing men and women for doing the most for themselves, and for the world which their powers, when most fully developed, makes possible with them. It is not questioned by any one that the human mind and human heart are capable of growth; that by activity and well directed discipline, the faculties of the mind are made strong by the same process that the arm of the woodsman is made strong by the use of the axe and the maul. It cannot be re-

garded as open to controversy that every one owes it to himself, to his neighbors and to his Creator to develop his mental powers to the highest point which their native capacity and his opportunities will admit. All, at least, silently consent to these propositions; but all do not have the same real appreciation of their weight, is widened by the fact that all do not make the same heroic effort to attain them. All those who have kept an eye on the progress and attendance of schools and colleges, are familiar with the fact that many who attend are struggling through poverty, sometimes with families to support, and labor one part of the time for means to attend the other part, and thus battle on to success, while others, surrounded by beautiful farms, with no other care than of themselves and theirs, are unable to send to college by reason of inability. After all, it most depends upon the real estimate of the importance of an education on the part of individuals. Men generally seek that which, in their opinion, is most valuable or most needed. Hence we do not think words are thrown away seeking to impress that it is not only a Christian duty to educate the mind that God has given to the extent of our means and opportunities.

We are more and more impressed with the dangerous consequences to flow from the development of a part of the faculties of the soul to the neglect of the rest. The education of those powers which are purely intellectual, while those which may be said to constitute the moral sense are left to dwarf unheeded. The world is today cursed with but few other things like it is with men whose intellects tower above the plain of humanity, but in whom the tender and noble sentiments, and the affections of the heart have known no care. To avert this result and insure the development of all the powers, mental and moral, so that the pupil is prepared to appreciate the good and true and be led to love and obey the author of all good. Christian schools have their great and exalted sphere in the work of the churches. We would say, in conclusion, that through a long chain of providences, we have been led into the central and into the great responsibility of maintaining a college to this end. No other Association in the State has as yet undertaken such a work, as we may be said to have cleared the way, and hence the more the importance of prosecuting to a greater and still greater success. The Scottsboro College and Normal School is ours. Every Baptist in Alabama, and especially in this Association, should feel a personal abiding interest in it; that its success is my success, and its failure is our shame. It has commanded, and still commands, the strongest and most devoted toil of some of our most efficient brethren. It is rather Christian than strictly Sectarian in its management. Every member of the faculty is not only nominally, but really active Christian men and women, in whose hands our people may confidently entrust their children with the assurance that every hour's contact with them will enoble and exalt. We have every reason to feel proud of the success of the college, and should entertain the brightest hopes for the future. Under the wise and untiring efforts

of Bro. Ivey, it is fast being placed on a solid financial basis. Considering the general depression of the country, which has very materially lessened the attendance in most of the colleges of the country, we may feel proud of the present enrollment. But we think our people could and should make it larger. The dormitories for girls will be finished in a few weeks. Prof. Bledsoe will have charge and we believe it will be a great step forward for the college. The college is becoming known throughout the country. The high standard of its faculty, as well as splendid course of study, is giving it a prestige all over the State. There is some promise of co-operation from other Associations, which we, your committee, believe is much to be desired, and we recommend that this Association encourage, in all proper ways, the assistance and co-operation of other Associations.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGIL BOULDIN, Chairman,

There was a resolution verbally offered and adopted to invite the North Liberty, Mount Carmel and North Alabama Associations to meet this Association at such time and place as would be most convenient for the purpose of pooling their school interests; but in the haste of the closing hours, was not written out. This is my recollection.

CLERK.

L

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In the absence of, and at the request of Mrs. L. C. Coulson, Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work, I submit the following report:

Soon after the meeting of the last Association, the Committee met and effected a local organization, with Mrs. Cat Smith as president, with the other officers, secretary and treasurer. In the first quarter they did good work in Scottsboro, and raised \$14.85, nearly \$15.00. This was alone from the Scottsboro Baptist Church. An industrious effort was made last and this year to induce the sister churches of the Association to engage in this work, but they did not respond, and they ceased the effort. Had these bodies continued their well-begun work, they would have secured at least \$50.00. It is to be hoped that this year may yield a better harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. COULSON, For Committee.

M

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION WORK.

Your Committee on Mission Work, as provided for under the resolution of Mike Hill, adopted at the last Association, requesting

that each ordained minister report his work for the year in the Association. The following have submitted their reports to the committee, which has been abbreviated as follows, giving miles traveled, sermons preached, and compensation received:

C. HOWELL traveled 763 miles, preached sixty-five sermons, delivered twelve exhortations, baptised twelve persons, and received \$150.00.

L. C. COULSON traveled 80 miles, preached fourteen sermons, four lectures, four Sunday School addresses, and paid \$27.80 traveling expenses. This was my voluntary contribution to Associational mission work.

J. M. GREEN traveled 20 miles, preached six sermons. This was voluntary mission work for Scottsboro Church.

W. L. CRAWFORD traveled 1695 miles, preached 149 sermons, and received \$193.00.

R. HOWELL traveled about 800 miles, preached seventy-six sermons, baptised nineteen persons, and received \$17.00.

S. M. HASTINGS traveled 400 miles, preached twenty sermons, and sixteen exhortations. This voluntary mission work by an aged minister.

C. T. STARKEY traveled about 900 miles, preached one hundred sermons, two Sunday School lectures, assisted in organizing one church, the ordination of two deacons, baptised thirty-five persons, and received \$28.30.

J. J. BEESON traveled 1000 miles, preached seventy-five sermons, and received \$120.00.

W. R. IVEY traveled about 1200 miles, preached about one hundred sermons, besides Sunday School talks, and received \$180.

L. W. SLOAN, during the year, traveled 600 miles, preached one hundred sermons, assisted in organizing one church, preached four funerals, baptised twelve persons, and received \$15.00.

We have only nine out of the twenty-five ordained ministers in the Association's reports. They make a very good showing, and if all had responded, the showing would have been very good. The strangest part of this matter is that the mover of the resolution, Mike Hill, failed to make any report. We must get out of this way of passing resolutions and taking voluntary obligations, unless we try in some way to comply with them.

Respectfully submitted,
L. C. COULSON, For Committee.

N

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

In as much as we are urging our people to read, we desire,--

1. To recommend the reading of the Holy Bible, as it is to be our only rule of faith and practice, and urge that it be accepted by the whole Christian world as the basis of union.

2. We would recommend the Alabama Baptist, the organ of the Alabama Baptist Convention, and while we believe there are other State papers stronger than ours, still no paper can take the place of the Alabama Baptist with a Baptist in Alabama.

3. We recommend the Sunday School series of the Southern Baptist Convention to all our Sunday Schools as being thoroughly orthodox and ably edited.

4. We recommend "Our Home Field," the "Foreign Mission Journal," and the "State Mission Quarterly" as indispensable helps in our mission work.

5. We recommend the Bible Colportage Board as the proper place for procuring books, papers and periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. IVEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit that we find that from the letter of the churches that 24 brethren and sisters have died since our last Association. Antioch, Joe Hildrath; Beech Grove, Asa Mooney; Centennial, W. R. Deatridge; Charity, Jordan Vann; Center Point, J. A. L. Wynn; Freedom, Marion Carter; Friendship, Eliza Lovelady, Thomas Webb and Elizabeth Bradford; Hale's Cove, Martha Jones; Mountain Grove, Rosalia Crabtree; Mt. Nebo, Jane Toney and Nancy Ann Kennedy; Mt. Zion, Georgia Sublett; New Hope, Nancy Deavers; Trenton, Thomas Bingham, Rebecca Bingham, N. E. Flanagan, Tim Kilpatrick and Solomon Finly; Union, Harriet Honea; Tunnel Hill, Margaret Morgan and Elizabeth Moreland. The names of H. H. Horton and G. M. Honea are not in this report, because reported by special committee. We offer our sympathy to the bereaved; and to those who are soon to follow let us be up and doing, er'e our opportunity, like theirs to work for the Master, will be ended in death. M. ROACH, Chairman.

P

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF REV. H. H. HORTON
AND G. M. HONEA.

Rev. Henry Hollis Horton died in Bridgeport, Jackson County, Alabama, on the 22d day of June, 1892.

Rev. George M. Honea died at his home, near Garth, Jackson County, Alabama, on the 5th day of April, 1892.

We extend our sympathy and condolence to the bereaved families of our brothers, and refer them to Rev., xiv, 13.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ROACH, Chairman.

Q

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

That the following churches have sent up the amounts placed opposite their names to pay for the printing of the Minutes, to-wit: Antioch, 85c; Beech Grove, \$1.25; Bethel, 60c; Cave Springs, \$1.00; Centennial, 55c; Charity, \$1.50; Cumberland Mountain, 75c; Center Point, \$1.05; Freedom, \$2.00; Friendship, \$1.75; Gurley, 2.00; Hale's Cove, \$1.20; Harmony, \$1.25; Jones' Cove, \$1.75; Larkinville, 50c; Mt. Nebo, \$2.00; Mt. Zion, \$1.00; Pisgah, \$1.60; McCoy's Grove, 75c; Mountain Grove, 80c; New Hope, \$1.25; Scottsboro, \$2.50; Trenton, \$1.00; Union, 85c; Holly Springs, 50c; Shipp of Zion, \$1.20; Tunnel Hill, \$1.60. Total, \$32.10.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON ROACH, Chairman,

R

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Dr.
To amount from Friendship Church.....	\$28 59
" " Mt. Zion "	6 00
" " Gurley "	8 47
" " Freedom "	8 50
" " Pisgah "	13 28
" " Harmony "	8 00
" " Scottsboro "	52 85
" " Bethel "	1 45
Cash Collection on Sunday.....	28 13
	<hr/> \$155 27
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By amount sent W. B. Crumpton.....	\$133 25
" " paid L. C. Coulson.....	10 00
" " cash on hand	12 02
	<hr/> \$155 27

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON ROACH, Treasurer,

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The showing of the Association for money raised during the fiscal year, \$810,750 is good, but had the churches done their duty in respecting money, the amount would possibly have reached \$1,000,000. Let me urge upon the churches the importance of making careful reports. Keep your accounts in such a way as to know how a cent what has been raised, and for what purpose has been expended. Report all missionary funds to the Treasurer that he may be able to make a fair all owing out of his office, look at the table and you will see the importance of doing as I have suggested.

L. C. CORSON, Clerk.

Statistics of the Tennessee River Association, 1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.		Ordained Ministers.	Membership 1891.	INCREASE			DECREASE			Membership 1892	Sunday Schools.	Prayer Meetings.	Days of Preaching.	REMARKS.	
								Baptised.	Letters.	Restoration	Letters.	Exclusion.	Death.						
1 Antioch	Jackson, Ala.	G. B. Beach	J. F. McCarrall	Hollywood, Ala.		1 27	6								25				3 Seven members missing.
2 Bethel Grove	"	C. Howell	E. J. Kennedy	Francisco,		1 117	6	6	5	5	2	1		108				2	
3 Bethel	"	J. J. Beeson	Jno. P. Bryant	Kyles,		2 68								62				4	
4 Centennial	"	J. H. Howell	W. M. Knight	Beth.		2 55	5	2	1	2	2	22	1	56				4	
5 Cave Spring	"	R. Howell	A. C. Parker	Bluffton, "Store"		1 50	5	5	5	5	5	3	4	44				4	
6 Cumberland Mtn	Madison	Henry Knight	H. A. Cagle	New Market,		1 60	5	5	1	4	4	2	2	58	1			2	
7 Center Point	Jackson	C. B. Rouch	John Sanders	Alto,		2 54								30				1	
8 Freedom	"	W. O. Thorp	W. T. Roberts	Scottsboro,		1 40	4	1	1	6	4	1	1	49				1	
9 Friendship	"	J. B. Brownson	W. B. Campbell	Forkler,		1 82	2	7	1	2	2	8	8	85	1	1		3 & 3	
10 Gurney	Madison	L. W. Sloan	W. L. Crawford	Mud Creek,		1 51	9	9	1	2	2	5	1	56				4	
11 Harmony	Jackson	W. L. Crawford	Jno. G. Sanders	Long Rock,		1 50	5	5	1	2	2	5	1	45	1			4	
12 Hale's Chapel	"	W. A. Lang	S. P. Ganderton	Naz.		1 14								14				1	
13 Holly Springs	"	W. A. Pigg	G. W. Thompson	Pisgah,		1 5	5	2						12				3	
14 Jones' Cove	"	C. T. Starkey	W. B. Wheeler	Larkinsville,		1 41			1	8	1			38				3	
15 Larkinville	"	P. Brown	M. P. Coffey	Crabourg,		1 47	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	52				3	
16 Mt. Calvary	"	D. C. Collins	W. H. Williams	Holly Tree,		1 87	1	1	6	3	3	1	1	63				1	
17 Mt. Nebo	"	W. L. Crawford	C. R. Flowers	Kirby Creek,		1 77	12	3	3	3	1	1	1	115	1	1		3	
18 Mt. Zion	"	W. L. Crawford	J. D. Rorer	Pisgah,		1 138	9	6	1	30	1			138				3	
19 Mt. Pisgah	"	J. J. Beeson	W. D. Rogers	Fairholme,		1 77	14	1	1	7	7			77				2	
20 Mt. Zion	"	J. J. Beeson	J. H. Caperton	Fahins,		1 14								16				3	
21 McCoy's Grove	"	C. T. Starkey	J. H. Caperton	Coffey's Store		1 75	6							79				3	
22 New Hope	"	R. Howell	J. F. Terry	Scottsboro,		2 42	8	6	6	1	46	1		46				3	
23 Scotsboro	"	W. R. Ivey	V. Bonner	Montezuma,		1 67	5	20						67				2	
24 Shiloh of Zion	"	C. T. Starkey	P. P. Patterson	Trenton,		1 55								50				3	
25 Union	"	L. W. Sloan	H. A. Rowdon	Garth,		2 27	3	2	3	2	2	23	2	32				2	
26 Ebenezer	"	P. G. Manning	J. S. Jones	Shell mound, Tn		1 42								42				2	
27 Tunnel Hill	Marion, Tenn.			Whitesides, Tn		1 40	2			8	4	2	33	1	1		3		
						26 1608	181	69	17	90	47	24	1650	10	4				

NOTE BY THE CLERK.—In examining the above table you will find that the increase is 56, according to the reports. You see the necessity of sending in reports by the blanks.
Let us have all in 1893.